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FOUR-YEAR STEADY INCREASE IN SOVIET HEAVY INDUSTRY

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The following tables indicate the emphasis placed by the Soviet government on the development of heavy industry during the post-war years:

1. Production increases in the metallurgical and fuel industries of the USSR are shown as follows:

	1946 (\$ of 1945)	1947 (% <u>of 1946</u>)	1948 (% of 1947)	1949 (% of 1948)
Pig iron	112	114	122	119
Steel	109	109	128	125
Rolled steel	113	115	128	127
Copper	106	109	120	120
Zinc	108	116	136	124
Coal	110	112	114	113
Petroleum	112	119	113	114

As early as the 4th quarter 1948, the average daily production of pig iron, steel, rolled steel, and iron products considerably exceeded the prewar level.

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2. The growth of machine building in the USSR is indicated as follows:

•	1946 (% of 1945)	1947 (% of 1946)	1948 (% of 1947)	1949 (% of 1948)
Production of all branches of industry	120	122	127	120
Electric motors up to 100 kw	169	152	159	134
Electric motors over 100 kw	138	139	153	137
Looms	3,200	-	178	173
Tractors	. 172	209 ,	204	155
Tractor plows	175	-	224	« 155
Cultivators	1,700	-	131	142
Threshers	378	-	267	159
Trucks	138		(143	130
Passenger automobiles	126	130	210	226
Busses	118		142	117

Development of USSR agriculture since the war has been greatly aided by the increased supply of tractors and other agricultural machines. In 1948, USSR agriculture received three times as many tractors, twice as many agricultural machines and twice as many automobiles as in 1940. In 1949, agriculture received 150,000 tractors (equated to 15-horsepower tractors), 29,000 combines (including 12,000 automotive combines), 64,000 trucks, and more than 1,600,000 units of trailer equipment and other agricultural machines. In other words, in 1949 agriculture received three to four times as many tractors, automobiles and agricultural machines as in 1940.

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